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## THE PARADE.

\*The Floral Parade of 1909 will pass into history as better than the best of former years.

Each year brings some new feature and a wealth of new ideas in the working out of the parade and the preparation of the floats and automobiles. The parade is always interesting for the local people and unique for the visitor.

It has been well worth while in former years and more so this.

Mr. Petrie and his assistants are to be congratulated.

## Taft's Cabinet.

All signs point to the certainty of William H. Taft forming his cabinet according to his own views. His rule of associates is that they shall meet his ideal, not Roosevelt's.

The rumors of a coolness between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt on account of the refusal to give Mr. Loeb a cabinet position are of secondary interest. The most in the cabinet is that Mr. Taft intends to be President. In seeking men to fill the offices his rule is to select such as have made a record, not men become famous by reason of their good fortune in being his friends.

Roosevelt policies will probably go on. Roosevelt's personality is not handed down to the new President.

## WASHINGTON UNDAUNTED.

The greatest work of George Washington was his unification and direction of contending elements in a common cause.

Self-preservation was the natural bond of union among the people of the colonies that gained their independence from Great Britain. Though this represented the first law of nature, it required a master mind to combine the divergent opinions and ideals into a movement possessing enough cohesion and force to carry on a successful war with a powerful and resourceful nation.

There was no national spirit to which Washington might appeal. He was the leader of a band of rebels among whom was a nucleus of patriots who pointed the way, and gave definite purpose to forces of justified discontent.

No people ever had more righteous cause to be rid of the oppressive yoke of an arbitrary monarch than the American colonists. Their cause was just but the course of those having the courage of their conviction was beset by traitors and false friends without number.

Washington had to fight first the power and influence of the "government" with the patronage, social preference, and favor which it could bestow.

We of today do not dwell much on this phase. Perhaps because we think it peculiar to present-day politics and hear only of the direct battles and results of former days.

Those of the present time who bow the craven knee to officialdom, and join in the high and mighty criticism of the inability of the "common people" to govern themselves, are of identically the same stripe as the "enemy within the ranks" that Washington had to fight.

The untutored followers of the trail were, in the esteem of the governing crowd, fit only to be governed. What right had the common woodman to be heard?

And we must not forget that the governing class representing very likely "wealth and intelligence" of the colonies had many favors to bestow that appealed to the selfish and the invertebrate ready to follow any flag or ally themselves with any leader, so it gave free entry to soft berths and the hope of basking in the kindly sunlight of official smiles.

Washington had not only to face the enemy in the field. He was incessantly harassed by the undermining influences of the Tories and the traitors in his own ranks.

A more hopeless future than that which he contemplated can hardly be imagined.

How frequently must he have had reason to wonder whether there was any such thing as loyalty to principle! How many times must he have

thought that the struggle was not worth while, his followers unappreciative and so opinionated that they could not possibly be brought to a practical agreement should the campaign of the armies be won!

Men on whom Washington was forced to place reliance slipped from under; some were open and others all but—traitors.

The whole story of Washington's career as a leader in the American Revolution was one of unrelenting struggle to overcome difficulties seemingly unsurmountable.

Washington never gave up and seldom complained. The names of the little men who were filled with their own importance in their time are forgotten.

The names of the loyal men are indelibly stamped on the tablets of history.

Washington moulded for the future better than he knew.

He gained his place in history and the hearts of his countrymen by doing his utmost with what he had. He possessed courage, confidence, and determination.

Washington did not announce to the people that he could defeat the armies of Europe "if" he only had the numbers and the trained soldiers to do it.

He took the patriots at their word, and joined with them whatever heterogeneous mass offered. He forgot the gibes of the Tories and the wretchedly false and wavering allegiance of some of his most intimate associates.

Washington placed confidence in the eventually clear understanding and the loyalty of the people. He won.

## GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION AND ITS COST.

Enemies of American government in Hawaii have been riding a hobby of government by commission for some months.

They declare that Hawaii should have a "good government," a government by commission, a government like that of Washington, D. C., an economical government.

So far as known this little coterie of disappointed and disgruntled statesmen in the city of Honolulu are the only ones who have discovered the advantages of government by commission or the superiority of the government of the District of Columbia co-extensive with the city of Washington.

Some days ago they hedged somewhat and expressed the wise opinion that government by contract might be better after all.

But what of government by commission? What of its expense and how is it superior?

It appeals to certain local people because the citizens have no voice in it. They are governed, not governing.

Here are the figures that tell the story of the expense of government by commission. The New York World, under date of Feb. 4, says:

THE PENDING APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE COST OF RUNNING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ONE YEAR CARRIES \$11,974,933, BEING AT THE RATE OF \$35.21 FOR EACH INHABITANT.

This does not include the cost of new buildings for the Government itself or the maintenance of such as now exist, excepting the appropriation of \$220,000 for new buildings for the District.

The 1908 population of Washington was 339,000. The latest figures obtainable from the Census Bureau show the cities nearest Washington in size to be Buffalo, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Detroit, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Newark and Minneapolis.

IN NONE OF THESE DOES THE PER CAPITA COST OF MAINTENANCE EQUAL THAT OF WASHINGTON.

Milwaukee, with a population of 317,908, has a corporate expenditure of \$5,548,143, the rate per capita being \$17.45.

Minneapolis, with 275,825 inhabitants, spent, according to last reports, only \$5,021,530, a per capita of \$18.24.

Buffalo has a population of over 400,000. In 1906 she had \$81,819. She spent in 1906 only \$7,609,061—\$19.93 per capita.

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Newark, N. J., with a population of 289,634, had a budget of \$6,833,198 for 1906; per capita, \$23.50.

Pittsburg, with a population of 375,682, spent \$10,935,733; per capita, \$29.16.

Cincinnati has 345,230 inhabitants, and her total corporate payments were \$10,676,482. The per capita of \$30.93 is the highest of any city in the Washington group except Washington itself.

## RAPID TRANSIT AND THE PARADE.

The Rapid Transit needs treatment. There was neither rhyme, reason nor good common sense in the action of the Rapid Transit this forenoon in sending two relays of cars through the crowd on King street while the Floral Parade was passing the judges' stand.

The street should have been closed to all vehicles and even a public service corporation if possessing the right to use the street as it pleased should have enough wit if not conscience to refrain from action that marred the whole parade.

On two occasions the line of parade near the capital building was broken by the Rapid Transit cars passing through.

One car stopped directly in front of the judges' stand while the automobile service was passing. This with other cars furnished the only untoward incident of the parade.

A lady on the judges' stand remarked that such an outrage would be impossible in her home city. It is well known that it could not or would not



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have happened in New York city, where the demands of the service require as close attention to schedule as Honolulu.

This is not the first time that the Rapid Transit has butted into and marred parades.

If this is called for in the charter, the Legislature should take immediate steps to effectively put a quietus on the possibility of a repetition of the Rapid Transit sending its cars through when the people are using the street for a public function.

## OPPOSITION WAS TOO STRONG

Anti-Japanese Agitation Made Ship Bill Impossible

## SEATTLE ASKED WITHDRAWAL OF SUSPENSION MEASURE

Suggestion Sent To Legislature. Two-Judge Bill—Coastwise Suspension Goes Over

Editor Evening Bulletin: In accordance with the resolutions of the Honolulu mass meeting, I requested the Senate committee to again take up my coastwise bill for consideration and it was expected that action would be had on Thursday last.

As that date approached, adverse conditions began to increase. Another protest from certain Honolulu business houses and individuals was filed with the Senate committee which tended to dishearten our supporters. At the request of the opposing interests the Seattle Chamber of Commerce also forwarded a resolution against the bill. On top of that came the Japanese agitation in the California and Nevada Legislatures, which made it embarrassing for Western Senators to support any bill which even incidentally benefited Japanese ships.

Our friends in the Senate advised us that particularly in view of the latter consideration, it was improbable that the bill could be gotten through at this time. Rather than risk a probable adverse vote under present conditions, I requested that the whole matter go over to the next Congress without prejudice.

I greatly regret the deferring of this legislation, but the combination of opposition from Honolulu, together with the Japanese complication, has made any further effort to pass the bill impracticable at this session of Congress.

I am forwarding to the Legislature by this mail a suggestion that provision be made for inviting another Congressional party during the coming summer. In view of the substantial benefits resulting from the former Congressional visit, I believe that this plan will meet with general approval.

The Omnibus Judiciary bill, which carries an additional Federal Judge for Hawaii, has now been reported to the Senate, but has not yet been called up for consideration.

Very truly,  
J. KALANIANAOLE,  
Delegate to Congress.

## LEGISLATORS HONOR

(Continued from Page 1)  
before. But he has left his heritage to us—the heritage of patriotism."

Senator Knudsen—"If you could but go back to 1775 you would find that George Washington was a man of wealth, belonging to one of the first families and a favored servant of the British Government, then the strongest power of earth. All of this he was asked to give up, and become a rebel. He did so because he saw that it was the best for his country."

"When he was asked to become the commander of the American army he did not say 'I can't afford it.' He went when duty called him. He followed the call of duty and not the dictates of his pocketbook."

Representative Kanio then addressed the assemblage in Hawaiian, telling the story of the cherry tree. W. O. Smith was the last speaker.

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## BIG FLEET FOR THE PACIFIC

Many Members Of Congress Favor Keeping Vessels In West

Washington, Jan. 22.—Sentiment in favor of an adequate naval force in the Pacific is gaining strength. Many members of Congress favor it. Senator Perkins is for it also. Senator Flint said today that he was in favor of the maintenance of a fleet in the Pacific and another in the Atlantic, each to be as large as the Atlantic battle-ship fleet which recently visited the Pacific Coast. Moreover, the Senator is in favor of increasing the appropriation of the present naval bill so as to provide for four 26,000-ton battle-ships, instead of two. "We should have an adequate fleet," he declares, "on each side of the continent all the time."

Senator Perkins would doubtless declare in favor of four battle-ships this year but for the conservatism of the other members of the Naval Affairs Committee. For tactical reasons it behooves Perkins to "stand in" with the majority of that committee; but Senator Perkins is for keeping one-third of the total naval force of the United States in the Pacific all the time.

He said: "I think that the keynote was sounded when the spirit of Washington was referred to. Throughout the world there is a general movement toward liberty. And from that spirit which Washington represented, is growing a more nearly universal brotherhood."

"One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the impulse toward a general brotherhood. The time will come when wars will cease. It was not so long ago that individuals settled their differences with the sword. Now they settle them in the courts."

"In the time not far distant the differences between nations will be settled in the same manner that are those between individuals."

Speaker Holstein thanked those present and expressed a hope that at every session of the Legislature the two houses may meet and celebrate Washington's birth.



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